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SUBJECT: US/ISRAEL JOINT R/D SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING IN ISRAEL

REF: RICHMOND/CLUVERIUS TELECON OCT 24

1. DEPT PROVIDES FOLLOWING GUIDELINES IN REPLY TO RICHMOND'S REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS IN RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE ISRAELI DESIRE FOR "JOINT COMMUNIQUE" ANNOUNCEMENT OF US ASSISTANCE TO FUND INDUSTRIAL R/D IN ISRAEL:

2. US DELEGATION TO R/D SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY COMMITMENTS OF USG FUNDING FOR INDUSTRIAL R/D IN ISRAEL. US DEL SHOULD LIMIT DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TO ELICITING SPECIFIC AREAS OF ISRAELI CAPABILITIES AND INTEREST IN INDUSTRIAL R/D.

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3. REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL BINATIONAL R/D

INSTITUTE, US DEL SHOULD STATE CLEARLY THAT USG IS OPPOSED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW RESEARCH BODY BECAUSE US PREFERS USING (WHERE APPROPRIATE) EXISTING BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (BSF) WHICH HAS CAPACITY UNDER ARTICLE II OF BSF AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING APPLIED TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH. HOWEVER, THOUGH USG PRESENTLY CONSIDERING MEANS OF INCREASING BSF ENDOWMENT AS REQUESTED BY ISRAELIS, ANY DISCUSSION NOW OF US PLANS FOR ENLARGING ENDOWMENT WOULD BE PREMATURE. NUMEROUS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE ANY PROPOSAL ON THE BSF CAN BE PRESENTED TO THE

ISRAELIS. IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INAPPROPRIATE TO PROPOSE THAT ISRAELIS EARMARK OR UTILIZE ANY PORTION OF FUNDS TO BE GENERATED UNDER FY-75 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS NOT YET PASSED BY CONGRESS AS MEANS TO INCREASE BSF.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS NOW TAKING PLACE IN ISRAEL SHOULD RESULT ONLY IN UNPUBLISHED REPORT WITH JOINT COMMUNIQUE RESERVED FOR CABINET LEVEL MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE HERE IN NOVEMBER (AS PER AGREEMENT WITH ISRAELIS DURING SEPTEMBER MEETINGS). IF ISRAELIS PRESS FOR PUBLISHED STATEMENT, US DEL SHOULD DEFER QUESTION UNTIL ARRIVAL OF TREASURY ASSTSECY PARSKY AND DEPASSTSECY BILLER. INGERSOLL

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